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SUBJ: GRANT MILITARY TRAINING

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA CALLED ME TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE SUBJECT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS WAS THE STATUS OF GRANT MILITARY TRAINING FOR THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES.

2. SILVEIRA STATED THAT GENERAL CORREA, THE CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF (EMFA), HAD COME TO SEE HIM TO TELL HIM THAT THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO JBUSMC HAD INFORMED EMFA THAT MILITARY TRAINING MIGHT BE TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. SILVEIRA SAID THAT PRESIDENT GEISEL HAD BEEN ADVISED (PRESUMABLY BY CORREA) AND WAS "PREOCCUPIED". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS SEEING GEISEL THIS MORNING AND WANTED TO TALK TO ME BEFORE THAT APPOINTMENT SO THAT HE WOULD HAVE THE FACTS.

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3. I DESCRIBED THE SITUATION TO SILVEIRA, EXPLAINING

THE ORIGINS OF THE PROBLEM IN THE CONGRESSIONAL OPINION THAT RELATIVELY WELL-OFF COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL SHOULD BUY TRAINING AND STATING THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE EMBASSY'S REQUESTS, THE DEPARTMENT WAS EXAMINING WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO AVOID AN ABRUPT ENDING OF THE GRANT PROGRAM (THE PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS OF WHICH I EXPLAINED TO HIM). I DESCRIBED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EFFORTS UNDERWAY AS A "STAY OF EXECUTION".

4. SILVEIRA THANKED ME FOR THE INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD USE IT IN HIS MEETING WITH GEISEL. HE EXPRESSED HIM OWN CONCERNS ABOUT THE SITUATION AND THE HOPE THAT SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

5. COMMENT. THIS INTEREST AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE GOB IN THIS PROBLEM UNDERLINES THE NECESSITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO USE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN FINDING A SOLUTION THAT WILL PERMIT THE CONTINUATION OF GRANT TRAINING SO THAT, AT A MINIMUM, THE PHASE-OUT PROCESS IS ORDERLY.
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